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USCG:SAWALLACE

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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY OSLO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, UK, NO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF EPA/COAST GUARD/USGS TEAM TO  
SURVEY NORTH SEA OIL OPERATIONS

OSLO FOR MANSFIELD

LONDON FOR HULM AND SANDBERG

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1. SUMMARY: EPA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR GREEN AND COAST

GUARD REAR ADMIRAL WALLACE PROPOSE SEND JOINT EPA/COAST GUARD/USGS TEAM TO UK AND NORWAY FOR DISCUSSIONS AND TECHNICAL INSPECTION OF TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM OFFSHORE OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH SEA. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO ASSIST U.S. AGENCIES IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PREVENT POLLUTION UNDER SIMILAR CONDITIONS IN U.S. COASTAL WATERS (EG., NORTH ATLANTIC SHELF). DELEGATION OF NINE PROPOSES ARRIVAL LONDON WEEKEND OF AUGUST SIXTEEN FOR VISITS TO LONDON, ABERDEEN, EKOFISK FIELD, AND/OR LEMAN BANK, STAVANGER, AND OSLO (DETAILED PROPOSAL BELOW). PROPOSAL FOR VISIT GENERATED BY RECENT CONTACTS WHICH INDICATED U.S. COULD BENEFIT FROM KNOWLEDGE OF PRESENT UK, NORWEGIAN ACTIVITIES AND OFFERED POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE COLLABORATIVE WORK. IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN STROTHER AND HULM AND MANSFIELD, REQUEST EMBASSIES APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS TO ARRANGING SCHEDULE FOR VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. RECOGNIZING PROSPECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF IN NORTH ATLANTIC AND AROUND ALASKA, THE COAST GUARD AND EPA WISH OBTAIN EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED IN SIMILAR CONDITIONS IN ORDER EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN PREVENTING POLLUTION OF THE SEA. PARALLEL CONDITIONS EXIST IN NORTH SEA, WHERE ON GOING OFFSHORE OPERATIONS AND OPENING OF NEW FIELDS HAVE REQUIRED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PROCEDURES. DISCUSSIONS WITH DELEGATIONS FROM NORWAY HAVE BEEN HELD COVERING COMMON PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION, AND SPILL RESPONSE (INCLUDING AMELIORATION OF EFFECTS, CONTINGENCY PLANNING, AND THE CONCEPT OF NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAMS.

3. SUBJECTS PROPOSED FOR INSPECTION AND DISCUSSION ARE:

A. WASTE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR EXPLORATION, DRILLING, AND PRODUCTION.

B. SPILL RESPONSE AND AMELIORATION PROCEDURES.

C. MARINE OIL STORAGE AND TRANSFER FACILITIES.

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D. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS INCLUDING RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR RESIDUES.

E. SAFETY DEVICES AND SUBSURFACE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS.

F. MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.

G. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATIONS UNDER SEVERE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS.

H. DESIGN AND INSPECTION CRITERIA FOR SINGLE POINT MOORING, HOSES, FIXED STRUCTURES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

AND TECHNIQUES.

4. PROPOSED ITINERARY:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16: ARRIVAL LONDON

AUGUST 18: DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRADE, LONDON. ALSO MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE UK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

AUGUST 19: MORNING FLIGHT TO ABERDEEN: MEET WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS.

AUGUST 20: INSPECTION/DISCUSSIONS IN ABERDEEN.

AUGUST 21-22: VIA HELICOPTER TO EKOFISK AND/OR LEMAN BANK FIELD; OVERNIGHT THERE AUGUST 21 IF POSSIBLE. CONDUCT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS. PROCEED TO STAVANGER AFTERNOON AUGUST 22.

AUGUST 23-24: WEEKEND IN STAVANGER

AUGUST 25-26: FACILITY VISITS IN STAVANGER OR OTHER LOCATIONS

AUGUST 27: OSLO, DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

AUGUST 28: RETURN TO U.S.

5. TIMING OF VISIT AS REQUESTED IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF MARKED DETERIORATION OF WEATHER AND SEA STATE BEGINNING LATE AUGUST.

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6. COMPOSITION OF JOINT TEAM:

BIGLANE, KENNETH: DIRECTOR, OIL AND SPECIAL MATERIALS CONTROL DIVISION, EPA.

BROWN, LCDR. GEORGE H: CHIEF, RESPONSE BRANCH, OFFICE OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND SYSTEMS, USCG

BUSH, CDR GARRET T: CHIEF, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS STAFF, DEEPWATER PORTS PROJECT, USCG

DORRLER, STEPHEN J: CHIEF, OIL SPILL TECHNOLOGY BRANCH, EPA INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT RESEARCH LABORATORY

FLANAGAN, CDR DAVID B: CHIEF, POLLUTION PREVENTION

PROJECTS BRANCH, OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, USCG

REED, WAYNE: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, MARINE OIL AND GAS  
BRANCH, CONSERVATION DIVISION, USGS

STROTHER, DAVID H: OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES,  
EPA.

ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO BE DESIGNATED FROM EPA  
ALASKA FIELD OFFICE.

ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO BE DESIGNATED FROM USCG, OFFICE OF  
MERCHANT MARINE SAFETY.  
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TO EXTENT THAT PROTOCOL REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION OF HEAD  
OF DELEGATION, BIGLANE AND FLANAGAN SHARE THIS RESPON-  
SIBILITY.

7. REQUEST EMBASSIES RESERVE NINE SINGLE ROOMS AT  
MODERATE PRICED HOTEL EACH STOP. INGERSOLL

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